subject State Governments have been implementing Rural Water Supply Programmes under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government, through the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission only supplement the efforts of the State Government by providing central assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments have been delegated powers to plan and implement individual Water Supply Schemes under the ARWSP on the pattern of the MNP. As such, information regarding design life of the system, replacement cost, number of schemes to be replaced etc. is not maintained at the central level. Essentially this is a function of the State Governments.

State legislations nullifying 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments

1686. SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments were passed by Parliament;

(b) whether Government are aware that some States have passed legislation to nullify the objects of empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions by reducing the tenure of the office bearers from five years to one year; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to set right these retrograde measures and how soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government is committed to ensuring implementation of the Constitutional provisions in letter and spirit. The Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka have made provisions in their respective Panchayati Raj Acts for tenure of office bearers of PRIs that are not in consonance with that envisaged in the Constitution Seventy-third Amendment Act, 1992. It is proposed to take up the matter with the Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka for its rectification.

Long term Action Plan for KBK

1687. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report from Orissa Government regarding effective monitoring and co-ordinating arrangement both at the field level and at the State level, associating the representative of the people on long term Action Plan for KBK in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The State Government of Orissa have reported that a Senior Officer in the rank of Commissioner has been appointed as Administrator (Special Projects) and it has been decided that his Headquarter shall be at Koraput. This Officer is reviewing the implementation of the Revised Action Plan and coordinating the activities in the field of different Departments of State Government concerned with the implementation of the Revised Action Plan. It has also been decided to constitute a project level Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to review implementation of the Revised Action Plan. Senior Officers of State Government concerned with implementation of the Revised Action Plan and the Administrator (Special Projects) are Members of the Committee. The State Government have also decided to constitute a State Leval Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister. Representatives of Government of India, Members of Parliament and Members of State Legislative Assembly are Members of this Advisory Committee.

Evaluation of JRY

1688. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the evaluation work of JRY in the country;

(b) if so, the details of achievements made in it, State-wise;